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**CHAIRWOMAN ROSENWORCEL EMPHASIZES IMPORTANCE OF
FEDERAL COORDINATION TO CLOSE DIGITAL DIVIDE**

***PLAN for Broadband Act Builds on Current Coordination Among FCC, NTIA,
USDA and Treasury Department***

WASHINGTON, July 11, 2023 —Federal Communications Commission Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel issued the following statement today following the introduction of the PLAN for Broadband Act in the House of Representatives:

“We are facing a moment of transformational change to close the digital divide—with investment that rivals historic efforts to bring electricity to rural America. We have a unique opportunity to ensure high-speed internet reaches everyone, everywhere, so we have to get it right. A big part of getting it right requires coordination. At the FCC, we’ve already begun that work by signing formal data sharing agreements with our counterparts at the Commerce Department, USDA, and the Treasury Department. We are also continuing to build out and update our Broadband Funding Map to ensure we have the necessary data to stretch each dollar we collectively invest in broadband expansion. I thank Congresswoman Kuster and Congressman Walberg for their continued support to help coordinate our efforts to close the digital divide.”

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